

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Re: **Private Inflow Investigation Project**

The Town of Arlington has initiated a program to reduce the amount inflow entering the sewer system. Inflow is stormwater that enters the sanitary sewer system through sewer manhole covers and/or illicit stormwater connections, including sump pumps, driveway drains, yard drains, and roof leaders. Removing inflow sources from the sewer system reduces the likelihood of sewer backups and overflows, which protects our streams and ponds and reduces sewer operation and maintenance costs. On behalf of the Town of Arlington, our engineering consultant, Weston & Sampson, will be performing dyed water testing of suspect inflow sources to confirm whether it is connected to the sanitary sewer system.

Dyed water testing is performed by introducing dyed water into a suspect inflow source and then observing whether the dye is visible in the downstream sanitary sewer manhole. The dye testing process should take approximately 20 minutes.

Prior to beginning work in an area, notices will be sent to customers informing them of the program and asking they call or email to schedule a service appointment. In order for the dye testing to take place, someone 18 years of age or older must be present at the time of installation. Weston & Sampson inspectors will be driving clearly marked vehicles and will have identification badges displayed at all times. We encourage you to always ask to see ID before allowing anyone in your home.

Weston & Sampson actively monitors the developing COVID-19 situation and follows guidelines recommended by the State of Massachusetts and Centers for Disease Control (CDC). We will continue to operate safely by implementing health precautions and continue to comply with any local/state/federal mandates that arise. Should we find conditions no longer safe to continue operations or are directed to, we will cease work.

For further information, please contact Weston & Sampson at 781-909-4486 (or by Email at ArlingtonMADyeTesting@wseinc.com).